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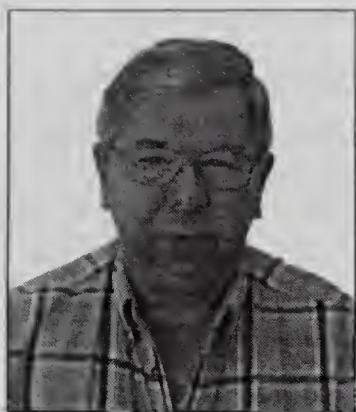
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President Frank Zapushek

President's Message

The weather is turning nice and the coin shows are very active. Gold is going up and the Lincoln cent Birthplace reverse is a big success. May 14 was the date for the "Formative" Years or stage 2. The ceremony was held in Lincoln City, IN.

ILNA Elections are just around the corner. Up for reelection this year are: Steve Butler, Donna Doran, Bill Price and John Schikora. Anyone wishing to run for the ILNA Board, please send me your request to in writing. Mail all notices for Board Seats to Frank M. Zapushek, PO Box 1993, Bloomington, IL 61702. I need to have these notices in hand by July 1, 2009.

The 50th Annual Fall Coin Show is really taking shape. Make sure to check the web page for the greatest and latest updates. Show dates are September 17, 18 and 19 at the Tinley Park Convention Center. We are ready to make some announcements about the show.

First: Nationally known Abe Lincoln presenter, Micheal Krebs will be at the show all three days. Bring the kids or yourself with your camera and get a picture with Honest Abe.

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Check the web page for other special announcements and times.

Not just any coin show, it's the Illinois Numismatic Association's 50th Annual Fall Coin Show & Convention.

**President,
Frank M. Zapushek**
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Secretary Michael Doran

Secretary's Message

At the time that I write this, your ILNA Board will have had its Spring Meeting in Joliet. The main topic of this meeting was the upcoming 50th Annual Fall Show and Convention. Your ILNA Board is working hard to make this show the best in ILNA history. More details will be forthcoming.

As far as the current state of the hobby – despite the economy being sour, activity here in Illinois has been good. So far this year, I have been at shows in East Peoria and Bradley. Bradley is of particular interest as this is the first show in the area in over a decade, with a good crowd present. The next shows that I will be visiting will be at Springfield in late March, and Mt. Vernon in late April. Hopefully these shows will be as good as the ones mentioned beforehand.

On a final note, should you have any questions, concerns, comments, or anything to do with your ILNA membership, remember that the Secretary's office is always open. I can be reached (as always) one of three ways – by phone **(217) 663-0276**, by regular mail at **P.O. Box 30, Greenup, IL 62428-0030**, or by e-mail at **secretary@ilnclub.org**.

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Making Sense

by John D Wright

Things are bubbling in some places this year, and they are brewing in others. How soon can you guess the year?

China's T'ai P'ing Rebellion begins this year. Over the next fourteen years this civil war will take between twenty million and thirty million lives. That is about the current population of the entire United States. The leader of the rebellion believes himself to be the younger brother of Jesus Christ.

This year Britain grants self-government rights to its Australian colonies.

In the Clayton-Bulwer Treaty the US and Britain agree to the neutrality of the American Isthmus and to joint protection of any canal to be developed there.

A famous painting this year is *Washington Crossing the Delaware*. Washington's heroic stance at the bow of his boat, though unrealistic, looks inspiring. The river scene is actually the Rhine River as seen from the artist's window in Dusseldorf Germany.

German chemist Robert Bunsen invents the "Bunsen burner", which produces an intensely hot, almost non-luminous flame. This burner will soon become the standard equipment in every chemical laboratory around the world, and will be the forerunner of the gas stove.

The world population has taken two centuries to double itself to 1.25 billion. In the next century and a half that number will quadruple.

The native population of the Sandwich Islands (Hawaii) has dropped by half in the last thirty years.

The US population is now over 23 million, of which about six million live in slave states. About half of these are black slaves.

Almost 370,000 Europeans, mostly Irish, emigrate to the US this year. Poor emigrants can buy steerage-class transport to America for as little as ten dollars. For that fee, passage conditions are deplorable and many die enroute. Conditions on arrival are little better. New York City now has a population of 700,000, with one in five being foreign born. Over 18,000 homeless people live in about 8,000 cellars in NYC. This year will begin a fifty-year boom in tenement building in the City.

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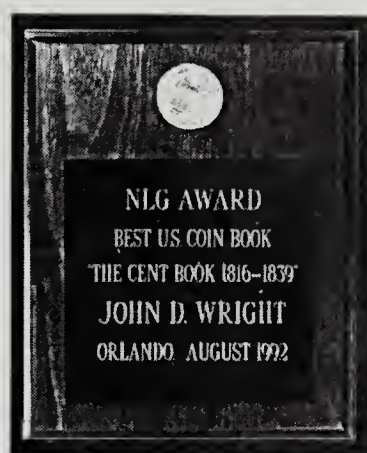
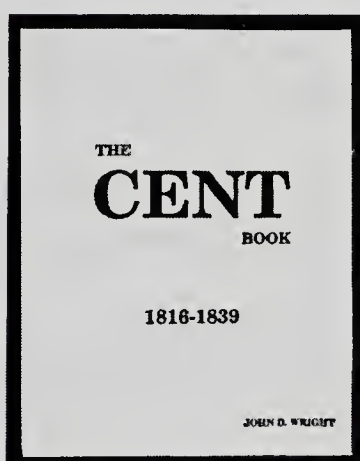
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This year Phineas T Barnum contracts Jenny Lind, the "Swedish Nightingale" for a two-year American tour. In two years Ms Lind will give 130 concerts, will earn \$130,000, and will give \$100,000 of it to charities.

Only half of the children born in the US before this year will survive to the age of five. This percentage will soon increase dramatically.

Isaac Singer invents a simpler, easier-to-repair sewing machine. Singer's new machine will soon dominate the world market.

The US is now one of the heavier energy-users in the world, using over 7,000 pounds of coal per capita. But over ninety percent of US energy comes from burning wood, with the rest mostly from whale oil.

In the last ten years US rail trackage has tripled to 9,000 miles and US canal mileage has risen 9% to 3,600 miles.

The Chesapeake and Ohio Canal begun in 1828 finally reaches Cumberland MD, which has already been served for eight years by the B&O Railway. The canal is now redundant and obsolete, so plans to extend it another 180 miles to Pittsburgh are abandoned. But even so, this "obsolete" canal will continue in service for another 75 years.

The Illinois Central Railroad this year becomes the first beneficiary of a Congressional land grant. This gift of 2.6 million acres of Illinois land will help it become the chief US railroad running from north to south. Illinois Central will sell much of its excess "free land" at \$5 to \$15 per acre to settlers for farming. Federal land grants to railroads over the next 21 years will cover more territory than Scotland, Wales, England, and France combined.

In the last decade the ratio of urbanites-to-farmers has risen from one in ten to one in five. This stems mainly from increased immigration and growing mechanization of larger farms.

Cyrus McCormick consolidates his reaper-manufacturing empire this year by buying out his partner William Ogden.

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Collecting Indian Head Cents At the Lincoln Bicentennial

by Mark Benvenuto

It may seem odd to think seriously about assembling a set of Indian head cents when a focus for the collector community in 2009 is perhaps obviously going to be the Lincoln cent, but looking in directions where others are not oftentimes pays off. One can imagine that active ILNA members may be farther into the thick of the action when it comes to the new Lincoln cent reverses than other numismatic organizations, but still, a close look at Indian head cents in 2009 might produce a sort of price list that leads to a handsome set without an equally handsome expenditure.

As with many United States coinage series, the Indian head cents were produced in larger numbers at their tail end. The year 1877 serves as a good dividing point within this series, simply because it is a key date. The 1877 was produced to the tune of 852,500 coins, including 900 proofs, which actually is a large enough number that it isn't really that rare at all. But collector demand has always been there for this date, and so this becomes a \$1,000 coin, even in the rather low grade of good, or G-4. Most of us will have to stay away from this date as we put together any Indian head cent collection.

Better news comes almost directly after, with coins such as the 1880 being the stuff of dealer bargain bins, or junk boxes, at least when they are in the lower, circulated grades. From 1880 up until the end of the series in 1909, a twenty dollar bill can land you just about any Indian head cent date in a grade such as very fine (VF-20), extra fine (EF-40), or even almost uncirculated (AU-50). Those are pretty good coins, still showing plenty of detail, with quite a bit of history to them. There are certainly worse ways you could spend \$20.

Now, seasoned Indian head cent aficionados know that the sweeping statement about prices that we just made doesn't include some of the key date / mintmark combinations, or a couple of the scarce varieties. For example, there are two different varieties of 1886 cent, based on where a feather from Lady Liberty's bonnet falls — between the IC or the CA in "America" — and neither of them is particularly inexpensive. Should you add one of these to your growing assembly of cents, you may have to pay more.

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The overland transportation and finance companies of Wells and Company, Livingston, Fargo and Company, and Butterfield, Wasson, and Company merge this year to form American Express Company.

Scottish-American William Pinkerton of Chicago opens the Pinkerton National Detective Agency. Pinkerton will track down counterfeiters, but his real fame will rest upon tracking down robbers of overland express shipments and trains.

The open western rangelands this year are shared by fifty million head of longhorn cattle and twenty million head of buffalo (American Bison).

Universities founded this year include the University of Sydney in Australia, University of Utah in Salt Lake City, Illinois Wesleyan in Bloomington, University of Dayton in Ohio, and the University of Rochester in New York.

The number of daily newspapers in the US has doubled over the last decade. This country now boasts 254 dailies. This is the first year of the Portland Oregonian and Harper's Monthly Magazine.

Noteworthy writings of this year include *The Personal History of David Copperfield* by Charles Dickens, *The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne, *Sonnets from the Portuguese* by Elizabeth Browning, famous poetry *In Memoriam* by Alfred Tennyson, *The Building of the Ship* by Henry Longfellow, and the popular song *De Camptown Races* by Stephen Foster.

Congress abolishes flogging (severe public beating) as a punishment in the US Navy and Merchant Marine. But flogging continues as a legal punishment in public schools.

President Zachary Taylor dies suddenly to the relief of many. Various chronologies list the cause as coronary thrombosis, typhus, or cholera. The bottom line is that the cause is evidently natural and he is really dead. He is dutifully mourned and VP Millard Fillmore inherits the quagmire of Federal Government.

Henry Clay continues his lifelong efforts to preserve the Union with a series of resolutions that will eventually become the "Compromise of 1850". He is vehemently opposed by firebrands from both sides of the slavery issue –

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Collecting Indian Head Cents at the Lincoln Bicentennial (continued)

As well, the 1888 over 1887 is a major rarity. The 1894 over 1894 is another rare variety (and no, that's not a typo — it's '94 over '94). Most collectors of modest means shy away from these two coins, leaving them for others.

Perhaps obviously, the two most common “rare” dates towards the end of the Indian head series are the 1908-S and the 1909-S mint marks. The reason we put that word in quotation marks is that these two coins, the only two of the entire series produced outside of Philadelphia, aren't really all that rare. The 1908-S especially is rather common, with a mintage total of 1.1 million coins. Even the 1909-S, with its lower total of 309,000 coins, is more common than the 1916-D Mercury dime, the 1916 standing Liberty quarter, or a large number of the dates of the \$3 gold piece series. But the collector demand keeps the costs of these two coins high. As this is being written, the 1909-S is a \$750 item in fine, or F-12, and the 1908-S costs \$100 in the same grade.

Even though there are a few rarities within the 1877 - 1909 date range, there are still many more than a few excellent coins that a person can add to a growing collection of Indian head cents. That makes for a good start.

For the collector who has made it this far, the next logical chunk of the Indian head cent series that we can concentrate on is 1864 - 1877. The year 1864 was when the Mint made a change in composition from a copper-nickel alloy to a bronze alloy, so this date begins the bronze coinage that was to become the majority of the dates of the series. Every year from 1864 up to and including 1876 saw multi-million coin mintage totals, with the two most common dates topping out at over 39 million and 35 million respectively. Those dates were 1864 (considering all the coins totaled, for both alloys) and the 1865.

With mintages well over a million coins, one might think that each of these dates are also going to be as cheap as can be. Unfortunately, that is true for some dates, but not for others. The reason why some of these seemingly common coins have a bigger than normal price tag is how much they were used. A single cent doesn't buy much today. For example, an entire generation of collectors has come of age having heard of “penny candy,” but never really having seen any of it. In the mid to late 1800's though, a cent could get you something. Thus, Indian head cents were heavily used. And that in turn, is why specimens with some serious eye appeal also have some serious prices associated with them.

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Seward of NY and Calhoun of SC. Daniel Webster of MA and Stephen Douglas of IL help their long-time opponent to sway the attitude of Congress towards compromise. Taylor had vowed to veto these bills, but Fillmore is happy to sign them into law. The Civil War will be held at bay for another decade.

Leaders from nine southern states meet in Nashville TN to discuss states' rights relative to the slavery question. In a second such meeting later this year, the talk turns towards their "right" to secede from the Union.

The first US clipper ship is seen in London this year. The faster clipper design will soon dominate the China trade where speed over long distances is king. But US clippers will soon abandon the China trade for the higher income from transporting gold-seekers to California – if they can prevent their crews from jumping ship in San Francisco.

Over five hundred ships are anchored in San Francisco harbor, all abandoned by their crews. San Francisco suffers major damage from three fires this year – in May, June, and September. There are ten men for every woman in California. Nine years hence the ratio will still be six to one. New York City has over seven times the population of the entire California Territory.

At this time coffee is generally bought as green coffee beans, to be roasted and ground by the customer. James Folger of San Francisco buys top quality beans from Central America, roasts, grinds, and packages them for the horde of gold-seekers, and makes a fortune.

Bavarian-American Levi Strauss arrives in San Francisco with a bundle of canvas fabric that he intends to sell to a tent maker. Learning of the greater need for sturdy pants he has the material cut into bibless overalls, and wires to his brothers back east "Buy up all the canvas you can lay your hands on". This San Francisco utility will grow into a nationwide and eventually a worldwide fad called "blue jeans", or "Levi's".

German-American Henry Miller begins buying up California land this year. By means fair and foul Miller's holdings in California and Oregon will eventually exceed the size of the state of New Jersey.

California is admitted to the Union as the 31st state. Fascinating, isn't it, how a LOT of gold speeds up a normally dragged-out process. The balance

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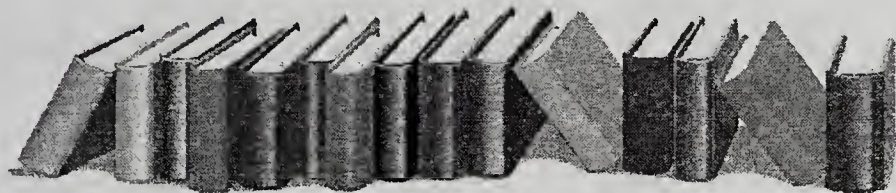
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of the Mexican cession is divided into the Territories of New Mexico and Utah. The US assumes Texas' pre-statehood \$10 million debt in exchange for Texas' cession of its claims to parts of the New Mexico Territory.

As in 1849, the Philadelphia mint this year strikes all ten denominations named in the coinage act of 1792, plus the gold dollar inaugurated last year, plus the first NEW denomination since federal coinage began. The other three mints strike subsets of these. The massive influx of California gold spawns a new "double eagle" (\$20 gold), which will be the mainstay of US large-denomination money for the next eighty years.

The goldfields of California have their own problems of circulating money, so a few local coiners strike half eagles and eagles there. Over the next couple of years these will be augmented by locally-produced gold coins ranging from a tiny quarter dollar to massive octagonal coins worth fifty dollars.

The federal gold of Charlotte and Dahlonega for this year are all quite scarce, but no more so than other years from these mints.

Of the fifteen million silver coins struck in five denominations at two mints in 1850, the half dollar of Philadelphia is the only coin that is even mildly interesting. And of the 4.5 million coppers coined this year, nothing goes beyond the boredom of plugging a date-hole in an album.

For a copper-guy such as myself, 1850 is a disappointing year. But for the rest of us, we have the first double eagles and the many fascinating events of 1850. So it's a pretty decent year.

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Collecting Indian Head Cents at the Lincoln Bicentennial (continued)

While there are many examples of Indian head cents in this date range appearing common, but having a bit of a heavy price tag, let's pick on the 1874. At 14,187,500 minted, these are probably going to be considered common coins until the sun goes nova. And in truth, at G-4, they only cost \$20. That's about the same as many of the later dates we've just mentioned. But when you look at the same coin in MS-60, the lowest grade of mint state, the price leap frogs up to \$250. The 1894, which totals 16.7 million coins, commands only \$100 in the same grade. If you get serious about collecting Indian head cents, this is just something you have to deal with, if you want to put together a truly attractive set.

The last "chunk" of the Indian head cent series is the earliest, from 1859 up to 1864. The 1859 can be considered a single year type, since the wreath on the reverse was changed in 1860, but all of them can be considered in one glance, because they all share the same composition.

Perhaps surprisingly, there is a pleasant twist on prices for these earliest Indian head cents. They're cheap (well, mostly). The 1859 is the most common, with 36.4 million to its tally. In the circulated grades, the prices reflect that. You can do rather well for no more than \$30. On the other hand, the ticket price to get into the mint-state coins of this year is at least \$300. Again, it's probably collector demand that drives a price like that.

As for the other dates in this earliest portion of the Indian head cents, only the 1861 will ever even resemble a scarce coin, with a 10.1 million total. Even here though, \$30 - \$50 can land you a good looking, circulated piece. You need even less than that for the other dates, or, if you'd rather go to the mint state end of things, \$100 will get you some action here.

As we said at the outset, in the Land of Lincoln it may seem a tad odd to think about collecting Indian head cents when there will be four new Lincoln cent reverses in 2009 alone. But take a moment at a show, perhaps at the next ILNA Convention, and see what the dealers have to offer by way of Indian head cents. These perennial collector favorites will almost certainly make themselves seen, possibly with some good looking prices to boot.



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